

PARADISE-VERDE WILSON WANTS WATER RIGHTS

FIRST BREAK IN RELATED LIVING COSTS ARRIVES

Retail Clothiers In Many States Reduce Prices from 10 to 25 Per Cent; Others Sell Necessities at Costs—Shoes Also Included

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CHICAGO, May 18.—A wave of price cutting in retail clothing costs reaching from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast was reported today. Dispatches from 24 cities told of promised reductions in certain necessities ranging from 15 per cent to below cost.

Financial authorities here said that the indications were that the price cutting would be limited to ready-to-wear clothing, principally women's garments and silks. Shoes were in the list affected.

Can Thank Money Market
Tight money and inadequate transportation facilities were cited among the prime reasons for the movement. Delays in delivery of goods in which money had been tied up, together with inability of farmers to get grain and livestock to market were said in many instances to have worked a hardship on merchants.

An officer of one of the leading department stores of Chicago declared that the price reduction now being reported meant also that merchants were trying to satisfy what is called "a hysterical demand from the public for lower prices." These current reductions, he said, might be only temporary.

A financial authority here said that if reports of price cutting were dependable, they indicated a tendency toward a reduction in inventories. Though this might be temporary, he said, it was undoubtedly good, in that it suggested that merchants were going ahead more cautiously. Sales are being held under various names.

In Topeka, Kan., a men's clothing firm announced a 20 per cent sale. Department stores in St. Louis advertised "under-selling campaign."

Twenty per cent cuts were the most popular. On the Pacific coast, Tacoma dealers announced cuts from 20 per cent flat to "profitless sales."

Three Seattle retailers cut clothing 20 per cent. In San Francisco one retailer offered a 20 per cent cut in all lines, another 20 to 50 per cent in certain commodities.

Several Omaha stores said their silk suits were 50 per cent off. In Kansas, silk shirts have been reduced. Coffeyville, Kan., reported many cut-price sales.

Shoe Prices Affected
In Minneapolis a large department store has announced a cut of 20 per cent. At Knoxville, Tenn., one of the city's largest department stores today made a discount of 20 per cent on its entire stock, except a few contract price articles. Shoe reductions also were announced. At Oklahoma City sales of 20 to 30 per cent reductions were reported.

At San Antonio, Texas, two department stores and one at Waco announced sales with reductions of 20 per cent, another a 25 per cent reduction sale.

At Fort Smith, Ark., special sales said the reduction was 20 per cent. At Pine Bluff one men's store and one women's store are making the same cut. Slight reductions in shoes and wearing apparel were noted at Arkansas, Springfield, and at Little Rock. Retailers last week made cuts from a fifth to a quarter. Atchison, Kan., announced a 20 per cent reduction.

Announce 15 Per Cent Reduction
CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 18.—Reduction of 15 per cent on the prices of all dry goods and clothing, effective tomorrow, was announced today by one local merchant.

WOOD LEADING STRONG IN VERMONT PRIMARY

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MONTPELIER, Vt., May 18.—Returns from approximately one-third of the state in today's primary election preference primary tonight showed that Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood had polled about 70 per cent of an extremely light republican vote, which was scattered among half a dozen men who have been mentioned as presidential possibilities.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California and Herbert Hoover were running a close race for second place, and Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts and William Grant Webster of New York were in a close race for third place. Only the names of Wood and Webster were printed on the ballot.

The republican vote for 90 cities and towns out of 245 was:

Wood, 1,789; Hoover, 391; Johnson, 260; Webster, 150; Coolidge, 129; Lowden, 76.

BELIEVE "MYTHICAL CITY OF FABULOUS WEALTH" STILL LIVES

NEW YORK, May 18.—Belief that "El Dorado"—the mythical city of fabulous wealth—still exists was expressed by immigration inspectors tonight after examining immigrant aliens from South America with bank rolls running into the hundreds of thousands. Most of them arrived on the steamship Vaudehan, Friday.

One couple, when asked to register and deposit their money for safe keeping, pending an investigation, laid down a bank roll of \$114,000 and 14 pieces of expensive jewelry. A Spanish woman said she had nothing smaller than a check for \$11,000 on a bank in Los Angeles which she wanted cashed to defray her expenses to California, where she has relatives.

A young Syrian, traveling with his mother, presented \$2,000 in cash and letters of credit for many thousands more. The climax came, however, when officials laid down so much money and securities that the immigration officials did not have time to count it. It was said unofficially that the family total would reach \$300,000.

ASK WILSON TO CONVOKE LEAGUE MEET NEXT NOV.

ROME, May 18.—The council of the league of nations has sent a message to President Wilson requesting him to convoke the league of nations next November at Brussels. It is pointed out that Geneva is not ready to receive the assembly.

THREE BISHOPS ON 8TH BALLOT; CONDEMN 'WETS'

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DES MOINES, Iowa, May 18.—Three men were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church on the seventh general ballot taken at noon. They are Anton East, Copenhagen; Edgar Blake, Chicago; and George H. Bickley, Philadelphia. The total of nine white bishops now have been elected, and three more are to be chosen.

Eight hundred, twenty-two votes were cast, making 543 necessary to elect a bishop on the fifth ballot. Anton East, 525; Edgar Blake, 521; George H. Bickley, 578. The three highest candidates, in addition to those elected, are as follows:

P. T. Koeney, Syracuse, N. Y., 515; H. L. Smith, Detroit, 503; and C. L. Mead, Denver, 453.

Dr. C. W. Burns of Minneapolis was elected a bishop on the fifth ballot taken last evening, the result of which was announced today. The sixth ballot resulted in none being elected. The eighth ballot was taken this evening, and the result will be announced tomorrow.

Condemn "Wet" Planks
At the observance of the anniversary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals tonight, Clarence "True Wilson" of Washington, D. C., said that if any political party shall put into its platform a wet plank, "it will find it a mighty slippery board to run on, and its candidates will fulfill that scripture which says 'the feet of the wicked shall slip.'"

William H. Anderson, superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League, placed his argument in favor of prohibition on the fact that financial conditions have been improved thereby. He made the financial prediction that prohibition will be the major factor in preventing ruinous financial panic in the United States. The frequent turnover in legitimate business of the two billions of dollars saved every year by the prohibition of alcohol is a factor in solving the problem of production and the elimination of its most deadly enemy so that the church can fulfill its mission in the world.

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OPPOSES OVERTIME FOR RAIL WORKERS

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CHICAGO, May 18.—Opposition to the rule that transportation men shall receive time and a half for overtime was expressed before the United States railway labor board today by E. T. Whittier, chairman of the conference committee of the railroad managers, who is presiding over the board.

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GONZALES WILL BE PROVISIONAL RULER, REPORT

Withdrawal From Elections Results In Agreement to Name Obregon Opponent Defacto President Until Dec. 1—Expect Unanimous Approval By Congress

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MEXICO CITY, May 18.—The selection of Gen. Pablo Gonzalez for provisional president of Mexico is practically assured, according to information obtained by the correspondent Saturday night from a thoroughly reliable source. With Ygnacio Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States, he is hiding in the jungles of Vera Cruz with President Carranza, and the manifesto of General Gonzalez of Sunday, announcing his retirement as a candidate in the presidential election July 4, it was said that a canvass of the members of the national congress now in Mexico by the Gonzalez leadership showed almost unanimous sentiment for Gonzalez for provisional president.

Bids Aides Goodbye
MEXICO CITY, May 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—"We are lost—goodbye, gentlemen," were Carranza's final words before his flight from the besieged trains in the early afternoon of May 14 while pausing momentarily before a crowd of terrified civilian refugees a few miles east of San Marcos, accompanied by a few intimates and guarded by what the special dispatches term "a very small cavalry force."

The fugitive president crossed the narrow valley, stood for a few moments to watch the liberal revolutionary forces occupy the stalled trains, then disappeared among the mountains.

Believe Carranza to Leave Country
It is believed certain that Carranza is heading northeast toward the coast by way of Coahuila de Zaragoza, with the intention of boarding a steamer at some small port and escaping from the country. Judging from the list of captured officials and generals received Sunday by Carranza's headquarters in Mexico City of the liberal revolutionary government, few are accompanying Carranza. Among them are believed to be Luis Cabrera, secretary of the interior; Gen. Juan Barragan, chief of staff; Gen. Francisco Murguía, commander of the train guards; Gen. Francisco Argueta, sub-secretary of war; and Ygnacio Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States.

An inventory of national funds aboard one train shows a great quantity of money.

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BANKERS PROMISE FULL SUPPORT OF FIGHT HIGH PRICES

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—Bankers of the country, through representatives attending a conference today with the federal reserve board, pledged themselves to help the board in a drive on high prices and to aid in efforts at deflation.

Specialists, the bankers agreed unreservedly to support the board's new policy in discouraging "habitual and excessive" borrowing and to curb curtailment of "long standing non-essential loans," as an initial step toward ending the era of high prices and speculation.

Governor Harding warned of impending dangers in the cycle of continued borrowings and speculation and appealed to bankers and public alike to conserve in its demands for banking credit.

"It is evident," Mr. Harding said, "that the country cannot continue to advance prices and wages, to curtail production, to expand credits and attempt to enrich itself by non-productive operations and transactions without fostering discontent and radicalism and that such a course, if persisted in, will eventually bring a real crisis."

Mr. Harding said that "everything must be done" to expedite the release of money in "frozen loans" and in connection of curtailing credits of member banks by informing them of the normal amounts they could borrow from the reserve institution. He said that the federal reserve bank at San Francisco was examining carefully all applications for loans.

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Payne to Take Hines' Job as Rail Director

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—John Barton Payne, in addition to his duties as secretary of the interior, will assume the functions of the railroad administrator, having been appointed by President Wilson today to succeed Walker D. Hines, whose resignation became effective May 15.

Secretary Payne's appointment was made in a proclamation stating that the president, by virtue of the powers vested in him under the transportation act and the unexpired provisions of the federal control act, transferred to Secretary Payne the duties of director general of the railroad administration.

Mr. Hines will sail for Europe early next month, having been elected by President Wilson as arbitrator of questions of navigation on central European rivers. The selection was made by the president at the request of the allied governments.

HUNT TO SAIL JUNE 19TH AS SIAN MINISTER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, May 18.—The nomination of George W. P. Hunt, former governor of Arizona, to be American minister to Siam, which had been held up pending inquiry by the foreign relations committee, was confirmed today by the senate.

"I shall endeavor, in my official capacity as minister to Siam, to acquire in such a manner as to reflect honor and credit upon my home state, Arizona, former Governor George W. P. Hunt declared last night following the senate's confirmation of his appointment to the post.

The former governor has been informed of the action of the senate by Senator Mark Smith, who wired his congratulations immediately after the vote had been taken.

To Sail June 19
"I expect to sail for Siam June 19 on a Pacific Mail line steamer bound for the Orient," Mr. Hunt declared last night. Final plans for his departure, however, will not be completed, he said, until instructions from Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby are received. These instructions, the ex-governor said, will probably reach Phoenix today.

Mrs. Hunt will not accompany her husband on the trip to Siam, having planned a summer in the mountains. She will sail for the Orient, it is expected, about September 15.

The appointment of Mr. Hunt as minister to Siam is the highest diplomatic recognition ever accorded an Arizona native. It is the highest diplomatic office to Siam, and the only government representation in that nation.

DECLINE BRITISH OFFER TO SIMS AS 'UN-AMERICAN,' SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Appointment of Rear Admiral Sims as honorary member of the British admiralty was declined by the navy department as "un-American," despite the fact that it was proffered by King George himself, Secretary Daniels testified today before a senate committee, investigating the national war.

Mr. Daniels charged that this incident probably furnished some of the animus behind the admiral's attack on the department.

"Admiral Sims' dearest and highest ambition," Mr. Daniels said, "was to be appointed to the admiralty."

Pointing to the similarity between Admiral Sims' charges and statements made by Secretary Daniels in the senate last August, 1918, Mr. Daniels expressed the belief that the two were not unconnected.

"Admiral Sims is a plagiarist or by some new science of mental telepathy the views of the senator were communicated to the admiral," the secretary declared.

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DEMOCRATS OF GEORGIA OPEN FREEDOM LEAGUE

Declare "Unalterable Opposition" To League of Nations Covenant As Brought Back By President

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ATLANTA, Ga., May 18.—Resolutions expressing "unalterable opposition" to the league of nations covenant as brought back from Paris by President Wilson, advocating free speech, free press and local self-government and asking repeal of all espionage, sedition and conscription laws passed during the war were adopted here last tonight by the state Democratic convention.

The convention, meeting to elect delegates to the democratic national convention, also went on record as opposed to compulsory military training and refused to adopt resolutions approving the Wilsonian administration. These had been offered today and were presented again tonight by a minority report of the committee on resolutions.

The resolutions as adopted recorded opposition to the third term idea, reaffirmed the faith of the convention in the "sacred" constitution of the United States and instructed its delegates to San Francisco to vote as a unit to support no candidate not in accord with the principles adopted by the convention.

The majority resolution also recommended that the resolution approving and endorsing the Democratic administration under the leadership of President Wilson, the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations covenant with reservations be passed.

By agreement each side was allowed thirty minutes to debate the question at the conclusion of which the convention accepted the majority report by a vote of 206 to 175. Announcement of the result brought a wild demonstration from the delegates supporting Thomas E. Watson, one of the candidates in the Georgia presidential preference primary.

Delegates representing Attorney General Palmer, those supporting Senator Hoke Smith and the resolutions themselves then were adopted 196 to 182, after which a recess was taken until tomorrow to elect delegates to San Francisco.

Earlier in the session the Watson and Smith forces had joined in voting against those supporting Attorney General Palmer, who had a plurality in the convention, and had organized the convention. After the vote to adopt the resolutions committee report tonight pandemonium reigned for a time as Watson supporters waved a huge American flag beside a banner bearing Watson's picture.

Mr. Watson's picture, "somebody shouted, and Watson men hurled efforts to personal combat at the speaker."

S. ASKS FRANCE WHY STANDARD OIL IS TREATED BADLY

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PARIS, May 18.—The state department at Washington, it is learned here, has made representations to the French government in regard to a complaint by the Standard Oil company that the French were placing obstructions in the way of the company's French subsidiary and were also discriminating in favor of non-American concerns.

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VISITS GRAVES OF WIFE-CHILDREN HE KILLED—ENDS LIFE

GREENVILLE, Ill., May 18.—After a hiding in woods, three days and nights while possesmen hunted him on charges of having murdered his wife and two boy babies, at Webster City, Iowa, Francis B. Beasley, 25 years old, went to the graves of his alleged victims today and committed suicide by firing a bullet through his brain.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS GET PRECEDENCE DURING R. R. JAM

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, May 18.—Movement of empty box cars for grain loading in large volume westward was announced today by the interstate commerce commission, which is seeking to end the nation-wide freight jam.

Officials of the American Railroad association predicted a "regular and continuous movement" of empty cars within a short period, but the association's car service committee warned that the demands for cars continued to increase.

Figures for the last two weeks show a slight decrease in the number of loaded cars awaiting movement, but the decrease was so small as to be regarded as negligible, according to officials. It served, however, to indicate to railroad experts that the jam soon might be broken.

Labor conditions were described as "extremely unfavorable" by the interstate commerce commission. The commission said it was giving "intensive study" to congested areas, which will "permit the free use of emergency powers" in dealing appropriately with such situations.

State railway and public service commissions, in response to the commission's appeal, have turned over to the federal agency their forces of inspectors, who are working actively at all important terminals.

The commission, in announcing the movement of empty cars, did not issue specific general orders. While the commission said it was giving "intensive study" to congested areas, it without regard to the lines owning it, the commission is dealing with individual roads directly.

State officials said that while the car supply for miscellaneous and "dead" freight had been protracted thus far, there were indications of an exceedingly heavy demand for that class of equipment through the increase of transportation of sand, gravel and stone for road building.

The roads were said to have asked the commission to give some consideration in its plan to break the blockade to the question of ordering cars to their "home" roads wherever possible.

Sloan Would Include Big Acreage

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